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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hixon et al.

Serial No.: 10/718,852

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For: DIE CUTTING SYSTEM,
COMPONENTS THEREOF, AND
METHODS

Confirmation No.: 1905

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: 3724

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 708.02 II

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Attention: Special Program Examiner for Relevant Group Art Unit (3724)

Petition

Applicants hereby petition to make the above-referenced application, which has not received an action by the Examiner, special.

Requirements under M.P.E.P. § 708.02 II

- (A) There is an infringing product actually on the market.
- (B) A rigid comparison of the alleged infringing product with the claims of the above-referenced application has been made. In the opinion of the undersigned attorney, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.
- (C) The undersigned attorney has made a careful and thorough search of the prior art.

All of the references which the undersigned attorney has located and been made aware of that are closely related or pertinent to the patentability of the subject matter encompassed by the claims of the above-referenced application are already of record in the above-referenced application. Accordingly, no additional references are being provided to the Office with this Petition.

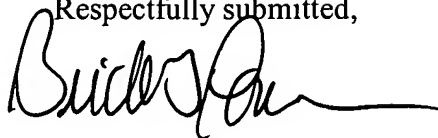
The undersigned attorney will gladly provide the Office with specimens of the alleged infringing service and method if requested.

Fee

Check No. 5819 for \$130.00 is enclosed herewith to satisfy the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). In the event that there is any deficiency in the fee, or if an overpayment has been made, the Office is hereby authorized to debit or credit TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469 for any such deficiency or overpayment.

Prompt consideration of this Petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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